

Hannah Brown*

(uxor Hannah Jones)

POLICE NUMBER 471 ¹	LITERACY read and write imperfectly
TRIAL DATE 19 October 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 21
TRIAL PLACE Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London	AGE ON ARRIVAL 22
OFFENCE larceny from the person in robbing a gentleman of £33 ² , "2 other girls tried with me but acquitted"	HEIGHT 4' 11½"
SENTENCE 15 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT poor, single, 1 child	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS once 2 months for stealing a watch	HAIR black
SURGEON'S REPORT indifferent and disorderly	VISAGE oval
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD medium
MARITAL STATUS single	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 1, 1 on board—son Cornelius, 10 months, not weaned ³	EYES hazel
FAMILY	NOSE medium
NATIVE PLACE East Smithfield, London, England	MOUTH medium
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant; housemaid, wash, iron, needlewoman	MARKS deeply pockpitted

c1819

Born at East Smithfield, London, Middlesex, England.⁴

19 October 1840

Tried at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, England with her common-law husband Cornelius Quinlan⁵ and 2 other girls⁶ indicted for larceny in stealing on 13 October 1 purse value 6 pence, 33 sovereigns, and 9 shillings from the person of John Johnson, master of the *Lively*, at 2 Crown Court, London; both found guilty; sentence 15 years transportation; aged 21.⁷

Statement of witness John Johnson:

I am master of the Lively, of Clive, in Norfolk. On Monday night, the 12th of October, I met a woman in Rosemary-lane – I went home with her, to No. 2, Crown-court – after I had been there ten minutes we had been talking about having some liquor, and I had just given the money to the woman – the rum was brought in – I received the 9s. change – Brown then came in the room with a child in her arms – she remained in the room till the other woman came back – the half-sovereign I sent out was in a purse – I took it out without taking my purse out of my pocket – I had thirty-three sovereigns and a half-sovereign when I went into the house – I took the half-sovereign out, and there were in that pocket thirty-three sovereigns in the purse and 9s. after I had received this change – there was then a bustle in the room – the chair was thrown against the bedstead, the candlestick pulled away, and the light put out – I was twisted right round, and the parties were gone in an instant – I heard something chink on the ground, I could not tell what – I ran after the parties – Brown had been near me, and put her hand into my Pocket – I saw her hand go towards my pocket – I had not seen Quinlan – no one had hold of me – it was a moonlight night – the women left the room directly and ran down stairs – I was going down, and when I got half-way I recollected that I had taken my

¹ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.82 No.471 [image 80] (Hannah Brown); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.179 [image 93] (Hannah Brown); ML, CY 1197 p.151 (Hannah Brown); ML, CY 958 p.441 (Hannah Brown); ML, CY 1282 p.139 (Hannah Brown)

² Tried with Cornelius Quinlan with whom she cohabited, probably the father of her infant son Cornelius (*Times of London*, 21 October 1840). Cornelius Quinlan was also sentenced to 15 years transportation. He was transported on the *Asia V* departing Portsmouth on 17 April 1841 (TAHO, CON33/1/9 No.2151 [image 199] (Cornelius Quinlan)).

³ ML, CY 1282 p.139 (Hannah Brown). Son Cornelius Brown (or Quinlan) was not admitted to the Queen's Orphan Schools and no death for him has been found, unless it is Edward Brown who died of pulmonary disease aged 3 years at Hobart on 8 November 1842, orphan school boy,³ but the Queen's Orphan Schools index has Edward Brown listed as the son of Bridget Brown, free.

⁴ TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.179 [image 93] (Hannah Brown)

⁵ Cornelius was also transported for 15 years; aged 23 (TAHO, CON33/1/9 No.2151 [image 199] (Cornelius Quinlan)).

⁶ These women have not been identified; they were acquitted.

⁷ *Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18401019-2426 (Hannah Brown & Cornelius Quinlan)

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jacket off and left it lying on the table, and to it I had a 50l. and a 30s. note – I returned to the room and found my jacket – I looked round, and went to a dark landing – place, which leads to another room – I there put my hands over Quinlan’s face – I said, “You villain, you have robbed me, and you have got that child that laid on the bed” – he said, “Hold your tongue, you b – –, or else I will shove a knife in to you” – I did not know what to do – I turned my eyes round the room – he was gone in a minute – I did not see a knife in his hand, but there was some hard substance in his hand, what I cannot say, but he knocked it against me two or three times – I saw him no more – he was, out of the house in an instant – I am quite positive he is the person I saw on the stairs – I could see him quite plain – he had neither jacket or hat on – I am positive that Brown is the woman.

Cross-examined by Mr. Payne. Q. Was this the first “lady transaction” you had been in that day? A. Yes – the woman that went to the room with me is not here – I had not been with any other woman that day – I had not seen in any room that day – I am sure that Brown is the person who put her hand into my pocket – she stood right alongside of me, and chucked the child on the bed – the other woman was on my right, and she was gone also – I never got my money – I was sober – when I first found Quinlan he was in the dark – I could not see him, but as soon as he came to the door-space I saw him go down stairs, and turn into the yard, dangling the child – Brown could see my purse – I did not take it out, but she could see there was a purse – I have lost thirty – three sovereigns and nine shillings altogether – I put the nine shillings into the other part of the purse with my left hand – there was light enough in the room to see the woman who put her hand into my pocket.⁷

Statement of witness James Puddephatt, Police Constable H 68:

About a quarter past eleven o’clock that night, I saw Brown come up Blue Anchor – yard from Crown – court, and Baynes followed her – Brown passed me, and then ran as fast as she could – she had neither bonnet, or shawl, or child – she did not speak to me or I to her.

Cross-examined. Q. In the first instance you saw Brown and Baines? A. Yes, and Baines asked me if Mr. Driscoll was on duty that night – I said yes, if she went to the right she would find him.⁷

Statement of witness Pierce Driscoll, Police Constable H 24:

I took Quinlan into custody about twelve o’clock, half an hour after I received the information – he gave the name of Nichols – I said, “I want you” – he said, “What for? – i said, “Do you recollect the man you attempted to stab with a knife when you had a child in your hands?” – he said, “No, I know nothing about it” – I went to the house – there is a dark place on the landing, which communicates with the room – I found sixpence, and 3d. in copper, in the middle of the room.⁷

Statement of witness Ellen Hayes, a blind woman:

I keep this house in Crown – court Brown came and took a room in the evening, and said her husband worked at the steam – boats – she said Quinlan was her husband – they lived together four days – I heard running up and down stairs and a great noise on this night – the captain said, “O my God! I am robbed,” three times – I did not know who they were.⁷

Statement of witness Mary Baines:

I live in Crown-court, nearly opposite this house. I know the two prisoners as lodging there – they lived together in the same house – I heard the noise and confusion – I heard some one say, “O my God! I am robbed” – I went to the door, and aroused Mrs. Haines, and asked where Driscoll was, because I thought a robbery had been committed – when I went to speak to the officer I saw Brown close behind me – I was not aware whether she had committed the robbery – she had no bonnet or shawl on.⁷

5 April 1841	Departed Woolwich, England on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁸
19 July 1841	Arrived at Hobart on the <i>Rajah</i> . ⁸
c24 July 1841	Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Cascades Female Factory; not assignable. ⁹
21 August 1841	Common-law husband Cornelius Quinlan arrived as a convict on the <i>Asia V</i> . ¹⁰

⁸ AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

⁹ ML, CY 1282 p.143 (Hannah Brown); ML, CY 1274 p.253 (Hannah Brown)

31 December 1841	Mustered in the service of Mr Garrett, Hobart. ¹¹
1 April 1842	Charged on the complaint of her mistress with misconduct in absenting herself without leave and being drunk yesterday; in the service of Mrs Garrett, Macquarie Street, Hobart; plea guilty; sentence 4 months hard labour at the wash tub at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ¹²
11 April 1843	At Oatlands. ¹³
20 November 1843	Charged with misconduct; in the service of Tabart; sentence 20 days in solitary confinement. ¹³
27 February 1844	Classified as a 3 rd class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March. ¹⁴
15 April 1844	Charged at the Police Office, Hobart with being pregnant; in the service of Mrs Garrett; returned to the Crown, to Cascades Female Factory, Hobart. ¹⁵
11 May 1844	Son John Brown born at Cascades Female Factory, Hobart; mother Ann Brown, female convict; informant Edward Hawson, clerk, Cascades Female Factory. ¹⁶
30 May 1844	Son John Brown baptised at Cascades Female Factory by Robert Wilson, Chaplain; mother Ann Brown, ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> . ¹⁷
6 May 1845	Hired in private service for 6 months as a probation pass-holder to Robert McLean, Port Arthur. ¹⁸
24 May 1845	Ticket of Leave granted on occasion of the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday; gazetted 27 May. ¹⁹
27 July 1845	Application for permission to marry John Jones ²⁰ (<i>Sarah</i> , Ticket of Leave) sent to the Secretary; approved. ²¹
29 July 1845	Notice given of approval for permission to marry John Jones (<i>Sarah</i>); Hannah a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart; John a ticket-of-leave holder, resident of Hobart. ²²
5 January 1846	Married John Jones at St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point; Hannah aged 28, spinster; John aged 34, tinman; witnesses John Jones ²³ and Ann Devine. ²⁴
15 January 1847	Son (unnamed) Jones and daughter (unnamed) Jones, twins, born at Hobart; father John Jones, tinman; informant mother Hannah Brown, resident of Argyle Street, Hobart. ²⁵
16 June 1847	Conditional Pardon recommended; gazetted 22 June. ²⁶
22 August 1848	Conditional Pardon approved. ¹³
7 February 1849 ²⁷	Son George William Jones born at Hobart; father John Jones, tinman; informant mother Hannah Brown, illiterate, resident of Collins Street, Hobart. ²⁸

¹⁰ Cornelius Quinlan was tried and convicted with Hannah at the Old Bailey; they had been living together as man and wife (*Old Bailey Proceedings Online*, t18401019-2426 (Cornelius Quinlan)). Cornelius was illiterate, Roman Catholic, aged 24, gentleman's servant, native place Stratford, single (TAHO, CON33/1/9 No.2151 [image 199] (Cornelius Quinlan)).

¹¹ AJCP, HO 10/51 p.349 No.471 (Hannah Brown)

¹² TAHO, AC480/1/1, 1 April 1842 (Hannah Brown)

¹³ TAHO, CON40/1/2 p.82 No.471 [image 80] (Hannah Brown)

¹⁴ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.265 (Hannah Brown)

¹⁵ TAHO, AC480/1/1, 15 April 1844 (Hannah Brown)

¹⁶ Gunn & Kippen, "Household and Family Formation in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania" No.102099 (John Brown); TAHO, RGD33/1/2 1844/275 Hobart (John Brown)

¹⁷ QVMAG, Baptisms solemnized in the Female House of Correction, Hobart Town, VDL (John Brown)

¹⁸ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 13 May 1845 p.591 (Hannah Brown)

¹⁹ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 27 May 1845 p.629 (Hannah Brown)

²⁰ There were two convicts named John Jones transported on the *Sarah* in 1836, this was John Jones 1st. Tried at Flint Assizes on 23 March 1836, sentence transportation for life for sacrilege (stealing a felour[?] cup from a church in Wales); married, 3 children; tinman and brazier, aged 30, native place Ruthin; Ticket of Leave 22 April 1845; Conditional Pardon 23 November 1847, taken up at Hobart on 29 November 1847 (TAHO, CON31/1/25 p.49 No.979 [image 49] (John Jones); TAHO, CON18/1/20 p.64 No.979 [image 36] (John Jones)).

²¹ TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.93 (John Jones & Hannah Brown)

²² *Hobart Town Gazette*, 29 July 1845 p.940; 5 August 1845 p.958 (John Jones & Hannah Brown)

²³ This may have been the other John Jones transported on the *Sarah*.

²⁴ TAHO, RGD37/1/5 1846/2285(189) Hobart (John Jones & Hannah Brown)

²⁵ TAHO, RGD33/1/2 1847/2197 & 2198 Hobart (male & female Jones)

²⁶ *Hobart Town Gazette*, 22 June 1847 p.565 (Hannah Brown)

²⁷ Birth date given as 7 January 1849 on baptism record (TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1849/3475 Hobart).

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7 March 1849	Son George William Jones baptised at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; father William ²⁹ Jones, dealer, resident of Collins Street, Hobart. ³⁰
29 July 1850	Daughter ³¹ Anna Barbara Jones born at Hobart; father William Jones, tinman; informant mother Hannah Brown, illiterate, resident of Campbell Street, Hobart. ³²
27 July 1851	Daughter Anna Barbara Jones baptised at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; father William Jones, tinman. ³³
17 April 1852	Daughter Rachel Jones born at Hobart; father John Jones, tinsmith; informant mother Hannah Brown, illiterate, resident of Campbell Street, Hobart. ³⁴
10 January 1854 ³⁵	Son Daniel James Jones born at Hobart; father William Jones, coppersmith; informant mother Hannah Brown. ³⁶
23 April 1854	Son Daniel James Jones baptised at St David's Anglican Church, Hobart; father William Jones, coppersmith. ³⁷
19 October 1855	Free by servitude. ¹³
5 January 1856	Son (unnamed) Jones born at Hobart; father William Jones, tinman and brazier; informant mother Hannah Brown, resident of Macquarie Street, Hobart. ³⁸
26 July 1858	Son (unnamed) Jones born at Hobart; father William Jones, tinman; informant ³⁹ mother Hannah Brown, resident of Brisbane Street, Hobart. ⁴⁰

Notes

- Hannah may be the mother of another son, an unnamed male born on 20 May 1848 at Hobart; father John Jones, carpenter, informant mother Hannah Hunt, illiterate, resident of Collins Street, Hobart.⁴¹
- Hannah's son may be the Daniel James Jones who married Ruth Simpson at the Wesleyan Parsonage, Bathurst Street, Hobart on 8 May 1884; Daniel aged 29, mariner, bachelor; Ruth aged 26, spinster; witnesses William Walch and Fanny Wearing (illiterate).⁴² Daniel and Ruth had four children between 1886 and 1896, all born in Hobart – Barbara Ruth, Thomas Franklin, Trevor George, William Henry.

²⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1849/1544 Hobart (George William Jones)

²⁹ Hannah's husband John seems to have also used the name William Jones.

³⁰ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1849/3475 Hobart (George William Jones)

³¹ Sex given as male on birth record, child unnamed.

³² TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1850/2606 Hobart (male Jones); personal communication, Helen Hardie

³³ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1851/3853 Hobart (Anna Barbara Jones)

³⁴ TAHO, RGD33/1/4 1852/1325 Hobart (Rachel Jones)

³⁵ Birth date given as 18 March 1854 on baptism record (TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1854/4341 Hobart).

³⁶ TAHO, RGD33/1/5 1854/779 Hobart (male Jones)

³⁷ TAHO, RGD32/1/3 1854/4341 Hobart (Daniel James Jones)

³⁸ TAHO, RGD33/1/6 1856/914 Hobart (male Jones)

³⁹ Hannah was also the informant as friend for an unnamed female child born to William Henry Pearce, hatter and Ann Elshler on 26 July 1858.

⁴⁰ TAHO, RGD33/1/7 1858/1737 Hobart (male Jones)

⁴¹ TAHO, RGD33/1/3 1848/780 Hobart (male Jones)

⁴² TAHO, RGD37/1/43 1884/480 Hobart (Daniel Jones & Ruth Simpson)